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MDO Exhibit No. 4

Official Organization of the post of Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor.

We hereby sanction and promulgate the Official Organization of the post of Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor.

Imperial Signature and Seal

On this 23th day of December, 41st year
of Meiji (TM - 1903)

Prime Minister Marquis MATSUOKA, Taro
War Minister Vice-Count TERUCHI, Sei
Naval Minister Baron SAKO, Inkoto

Imperial Ordinance No. 319

Official Organization of the post of Aide-de-Camp
to His Majesty the Emperor

Article I. The Official Organization of the post of Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor shall establish the posts of Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor and Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor.

Article II. The Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor shall be appointed in the Imperial Presence from those with the rank of General, Lieutenant General, Admiral, or Vice-Admiral.

Article III. Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor shall be appointed from among Army Officers or Naval officers, and the regular number is as follows.

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1. Five from among those with the rank of Lieutenant-General, Major-General, Field Officers or Captain.

2. Three from among those with the rank of Vice-Admiral, Rear-Admiral, Captain or Lieutenant.

Article IV. The Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor and aide-de-camp to His Majesty the Emperor will always attend and serve His Majesty the Emperor, have charge of reports and replies to him and transmission of his command concerning military affairs, accompany His Majesty the Emperor to reviews, manoeuvres and Imperial visits, and attend at festival and ritual banquets and audiences etc.

Article V. The Chief of aide-de-camp to His Majesty the Emperor and aide-de-camp to His Majesty the Emperor may be despatched for inspecting manoeuvres and other military affairs.

Article VI. The Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor shall make regulations concerning the duties of aide-de-camp to His Majesty the Emperor and supervise them.

Article VII. The Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor and each of the Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor will be a staff-officer.

Article VIII. The Chief Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor and each aide-de-camp to His Majesty the Emperor shall conform with the regulations of the Ministry of the Imperial Household when they are in the Imperial Palace.

Article IX. An Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the Emperor shall have four Army clerks and three Naval clerks.

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